SESSION PAPERS

OVERVIEW & VISION

STANDARD TEST EQUIPMENT PLATFORM (MODULES)

GWTS UPGRADE

COMMON ATS ARCHITECTURE

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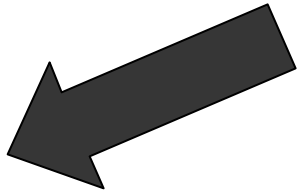

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A Software Approach for a Common Munitions Test Architecture

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Why Pursue a Standard Architecture

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- **Design for Obsolescence**
- **Modular Design Philosophy**
- **Module Reuse**
- **Common Support Framework**

Motivation for a Standard Software Architecture

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- **A Standard Architecture facilitates changes to software to accommodate:**
  - **ATE hardware changes due to:**
    - **Instrument obsolescence**
    - **Flexible ATE configurations**
  - **UUT test requirements changes due to:**
    - **Incremental development**
    - **Product enhancements**
- **It also provides**
  - **Common operator interfaces**
  - **Maximize software reuse**
  - **Minimize training costs**

Software Architecture Interaction

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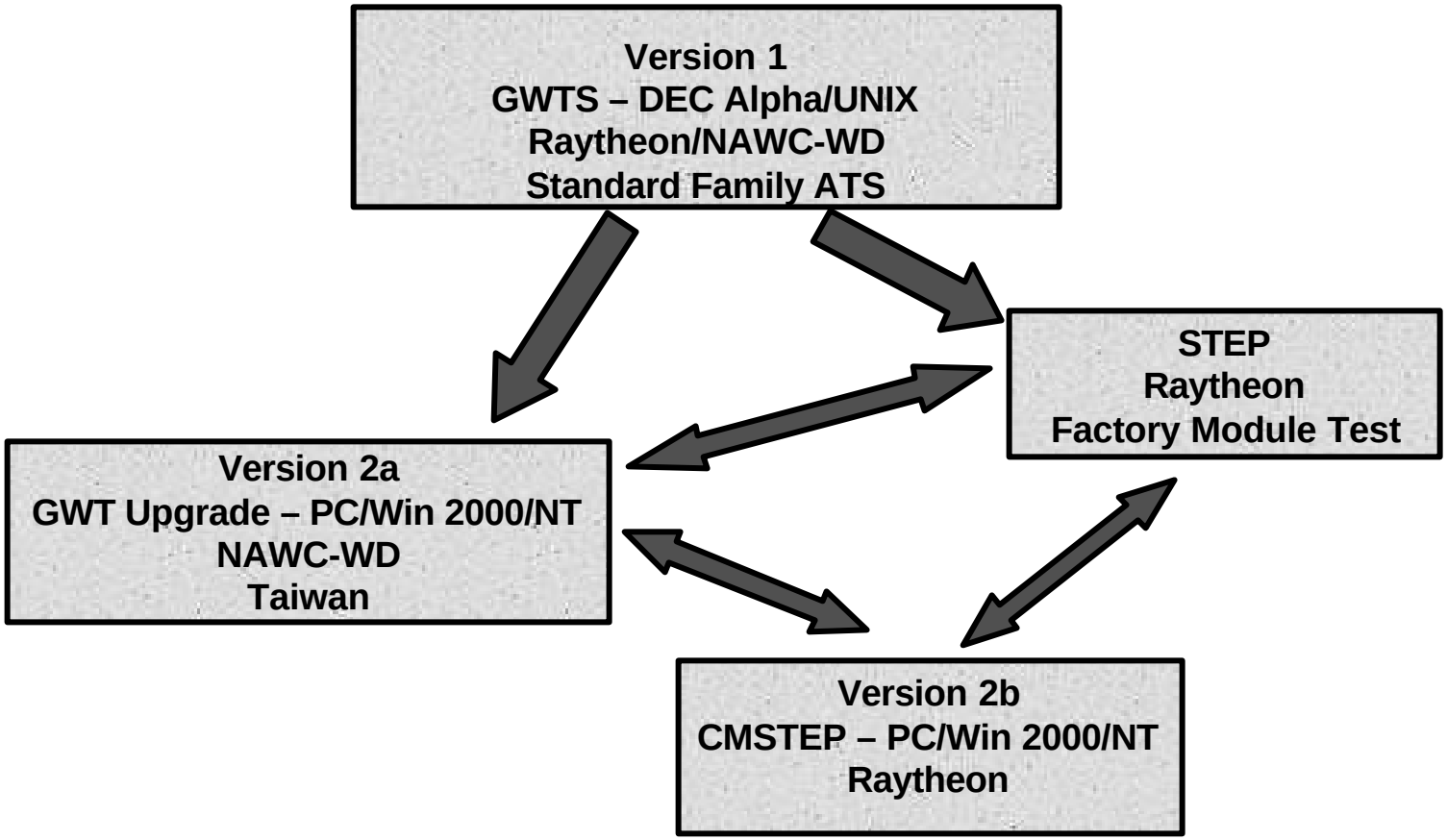

GWTS Software Architecture

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- **The GWTS Upgrade provides a PC/Windows transformation of the DEC/UNIX GWTS design**
- **Approximately 400k lines of software are being rehosted**
- **Some new software development utilities are being employed**
- **Wherever possible, source code is being rehosted rather than rewritten**
- **The paper provides more details**
- **The hardware aspects are discussed in Mr. Stanfield's paper**

The Focus of the Presentations

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- A three-component software architecture
  - Test executive
  - Test programs
  - Instrument drivers
- A test executive that:
  - Insulation of the test executive from the test program instrument layer
  - Is easy to learn & use, promotes independent/module development
- A common test program architecture featuring:
  - High-level test oriented programming language
  - lower-level Application Program Interface (API)
  - Isolation of the run-time environment from the development environment
- Instrument drivers that are:
  - Reusable
  - Independent

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The Test Executive Software Architecture

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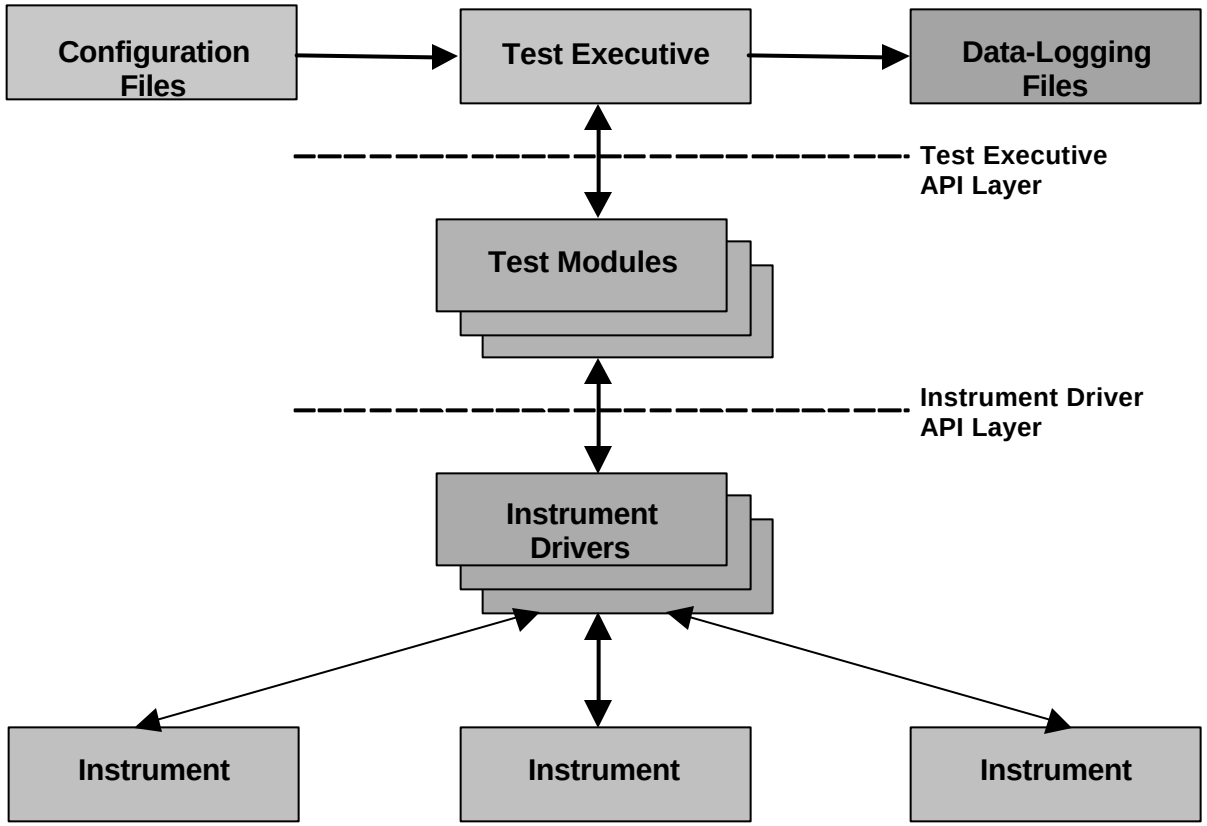

The Test Executive

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- **Test program selection and test sequencing services**
- **Test flow control services (start, stop, looping, shutdown, abort)**
- **Test data management services (data-logging)**
- **Test validation services(parameter limit files)**
- **Other considerations:**
  - **Kernel of the test software**
  - **Well implemented set of code modules**
  - **Utilizes recurring software modules**

Benefits of the Test Executive Approach

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- **Standardizes on a common programming software architecture.**
- **Provides a common set of pre-programmed services and interfaces (API interface)**
- **Injects proven and existing code modules into new test programs (promotes code reuse)**
- **Reduces test program developer learning time**
- **Reduces test operator learning time**
- **Provides an organizational competitive advantage**

Test Executive Services

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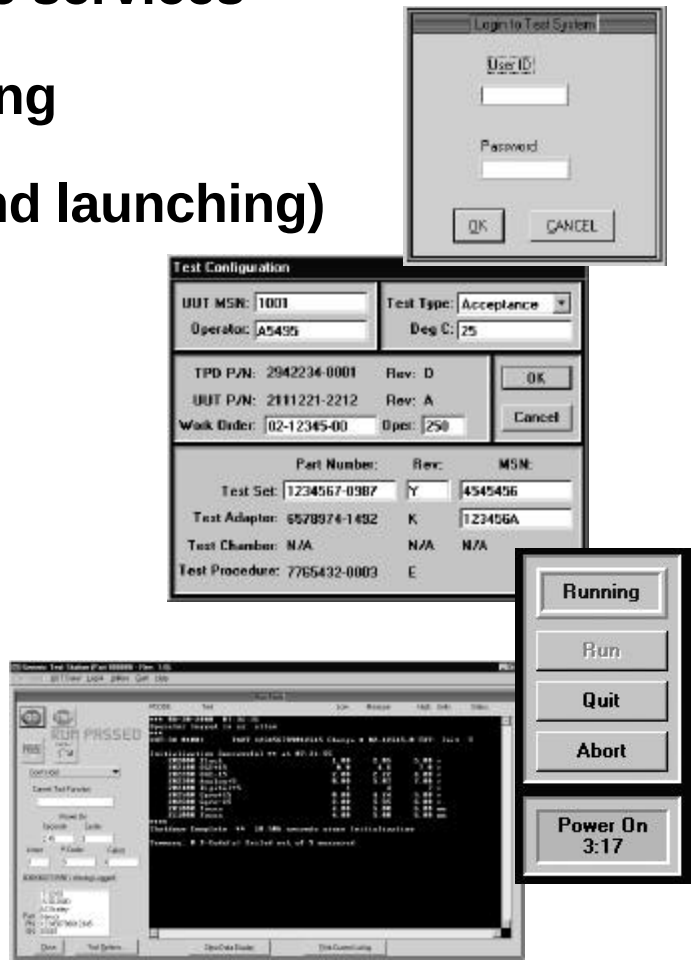
- User authentication and privilege services
- Unit under test (UUT) data tracking
- Test scheduling (presentation and launching)
- Test flow control
  - Initialization and shutdown
  - Start, stop, continue, abort
  - Looping
  - Timer
- Data management services



Test Executive Features

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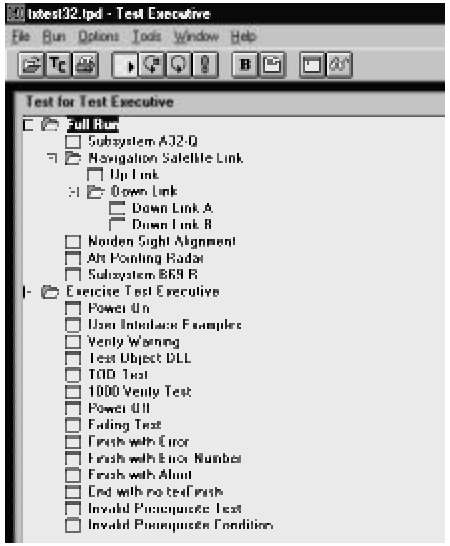
- **Application "*bells and whistles*" that allows for program variation**
- **Configure test program for expected behavior**
- **Features can be toggled between ENABLED & DISABLED states and associated with user privilege levels**
- **Typical features may include:**
  - **Segmented testing strategies**
  - **Go-No-Go testing strategies**
  - **Conditional branching and looping strategies**
  - **Parameter-specific forced PASS/FAIL testing**



Data Logging

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- Provides a permanent record of test activities
- Electronic and/or hardcopy container for test results
- Typically part of the UUT assembly record history
- Feeds organizational query and report generation tools
- Forms the basis for further analysis
- Optimize on one output format

Data Logging Methods

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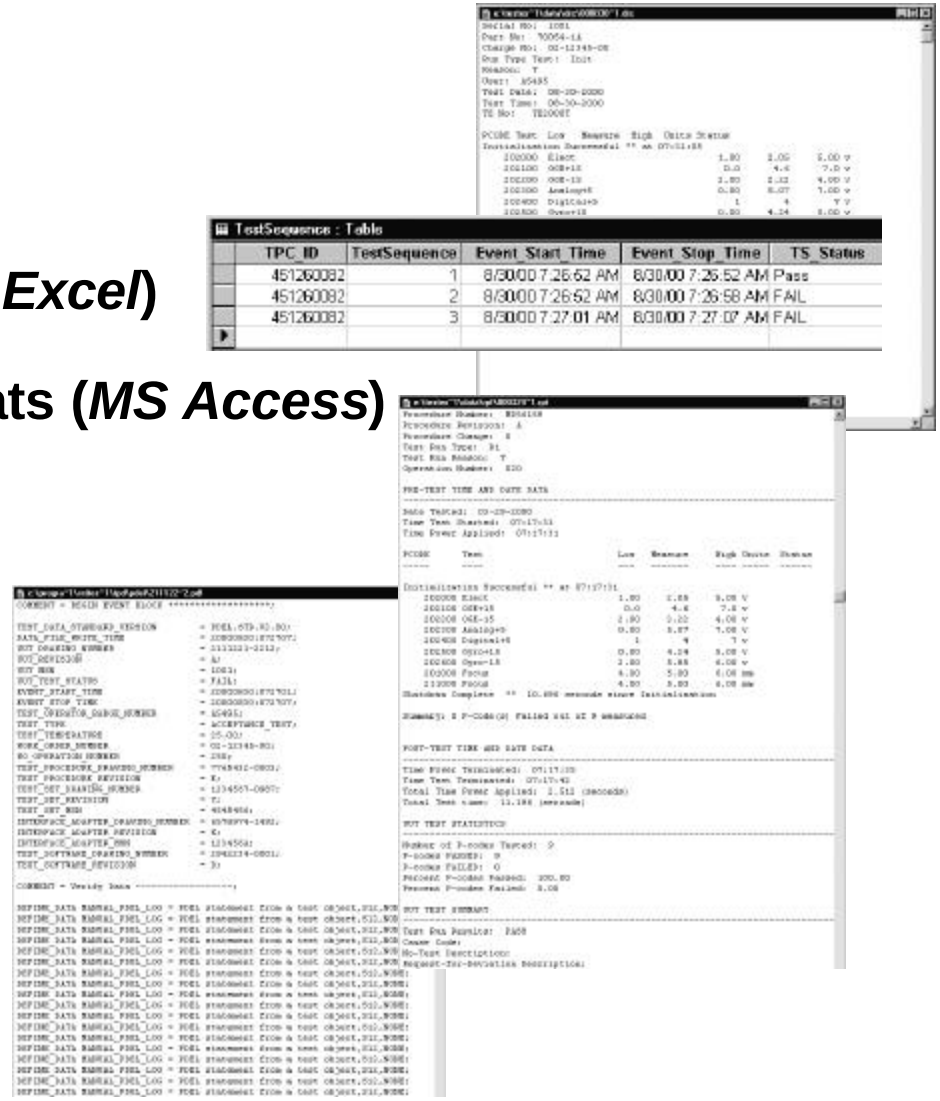
- **Data record sheets**
- **Spreadsheet formats (*MS Excel*)**
- **Relational database formats (*MS Access*)**
- **IEEE-1545 ¬**
- **Proprietary formats**



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Architecture Overview

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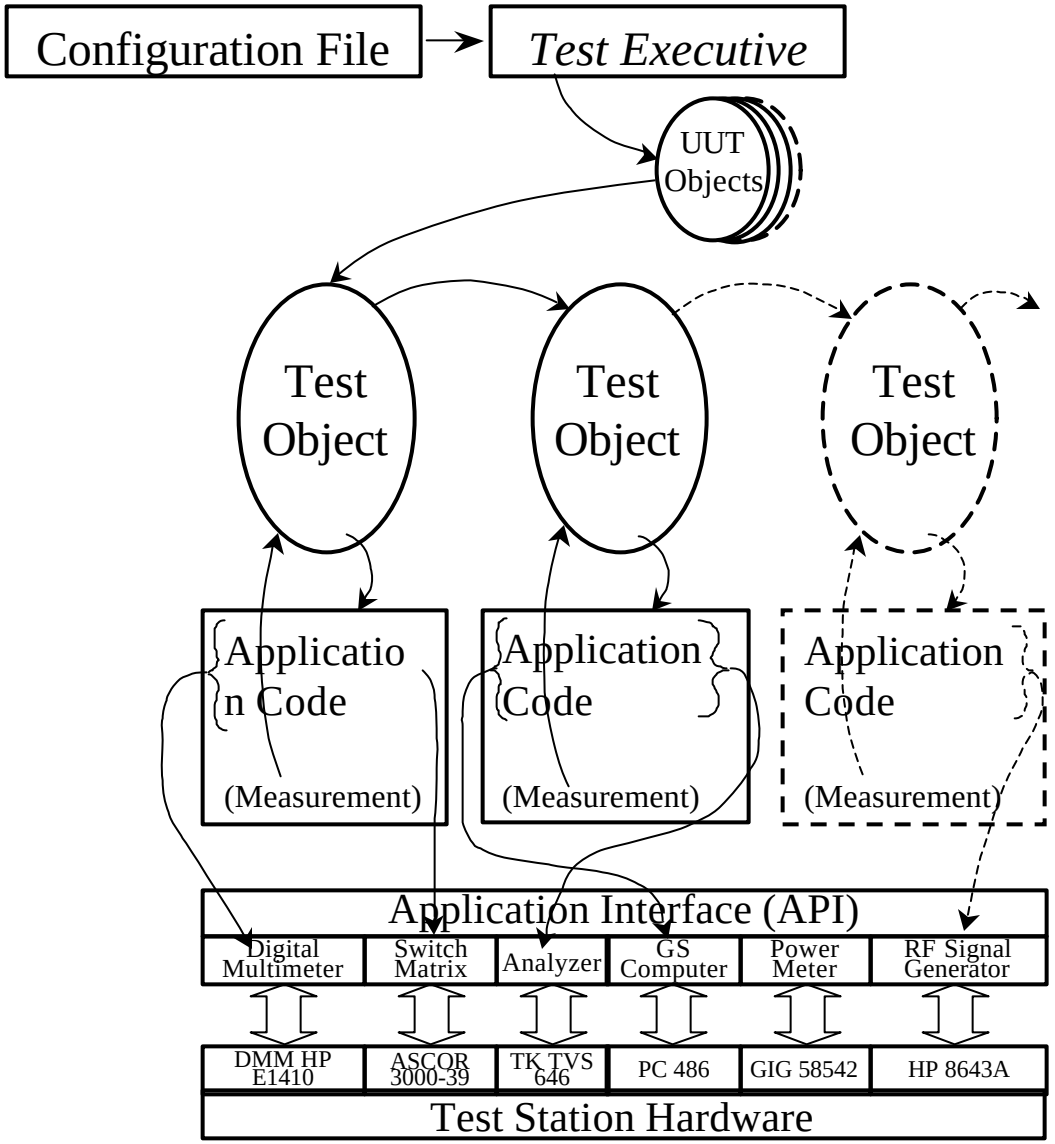

The Executive/Application Link

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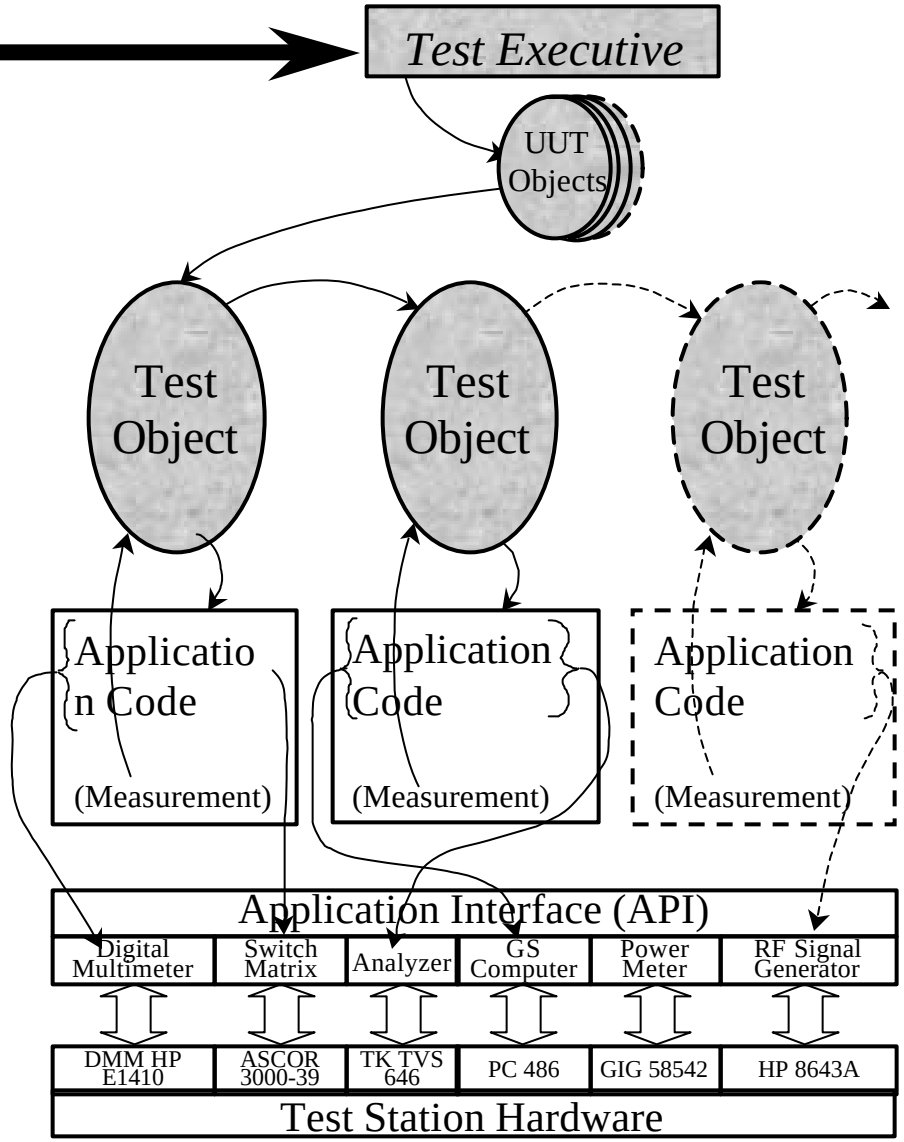
- **Configuration File**
  - **Describes each test**
  - **Excel file**
  - **Access file**
  - **Text based**
- **Executive processing instantiates:**
  - **UUT Object(s)**
  - **Test Objects**



Test Code Structure

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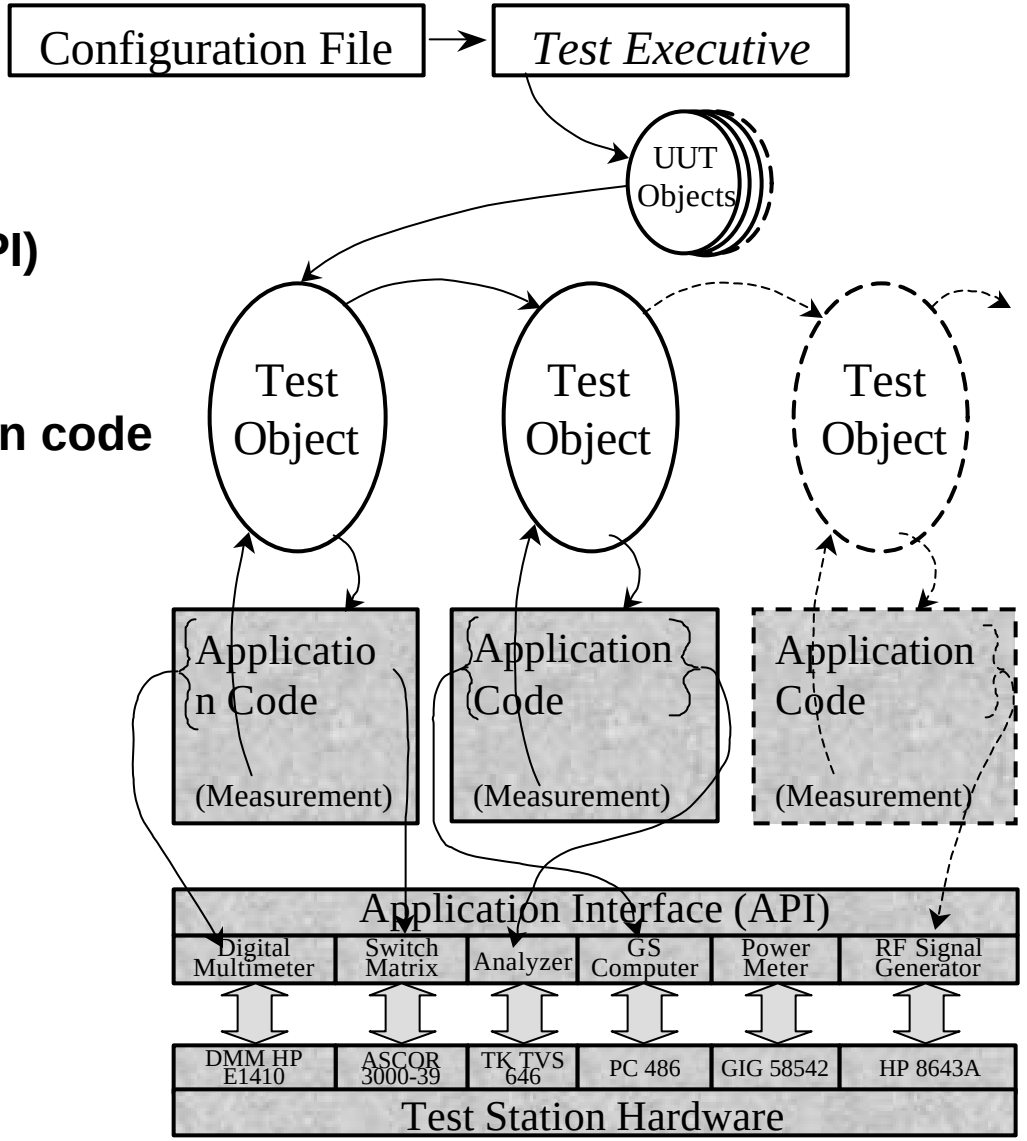
- **Application Code**
  - **Code isolated from H/W (API)**
    - **Obsolescence**
  - **Complete set of initialization code**
  - **Object Oriented**



Test Structure

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- **Advantages**
  - **Conditions readily visible to the programmer.**
  - **Development and maintenance are enhanced.**
  - **No guessing about the current state of the test.**
  - **Regardless of placement, code properly executes.**
  - **If test requirements change, it's easy to pinpoint the exact code used to control the affected tests.**
    - **Concurrent Engineering - no whining allowed!**
    - **Diagnostics**
- **Disadvantages**
  - **Lot of repeated calls**
  - **Slows the test**

Test Structure (cont.)

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Smart drivers apply here...

- **Smart Drivers**
  - **Remember their state**
  - **Cut bus communication to instruments**
  - **Speed up tests**

Application Program Interface

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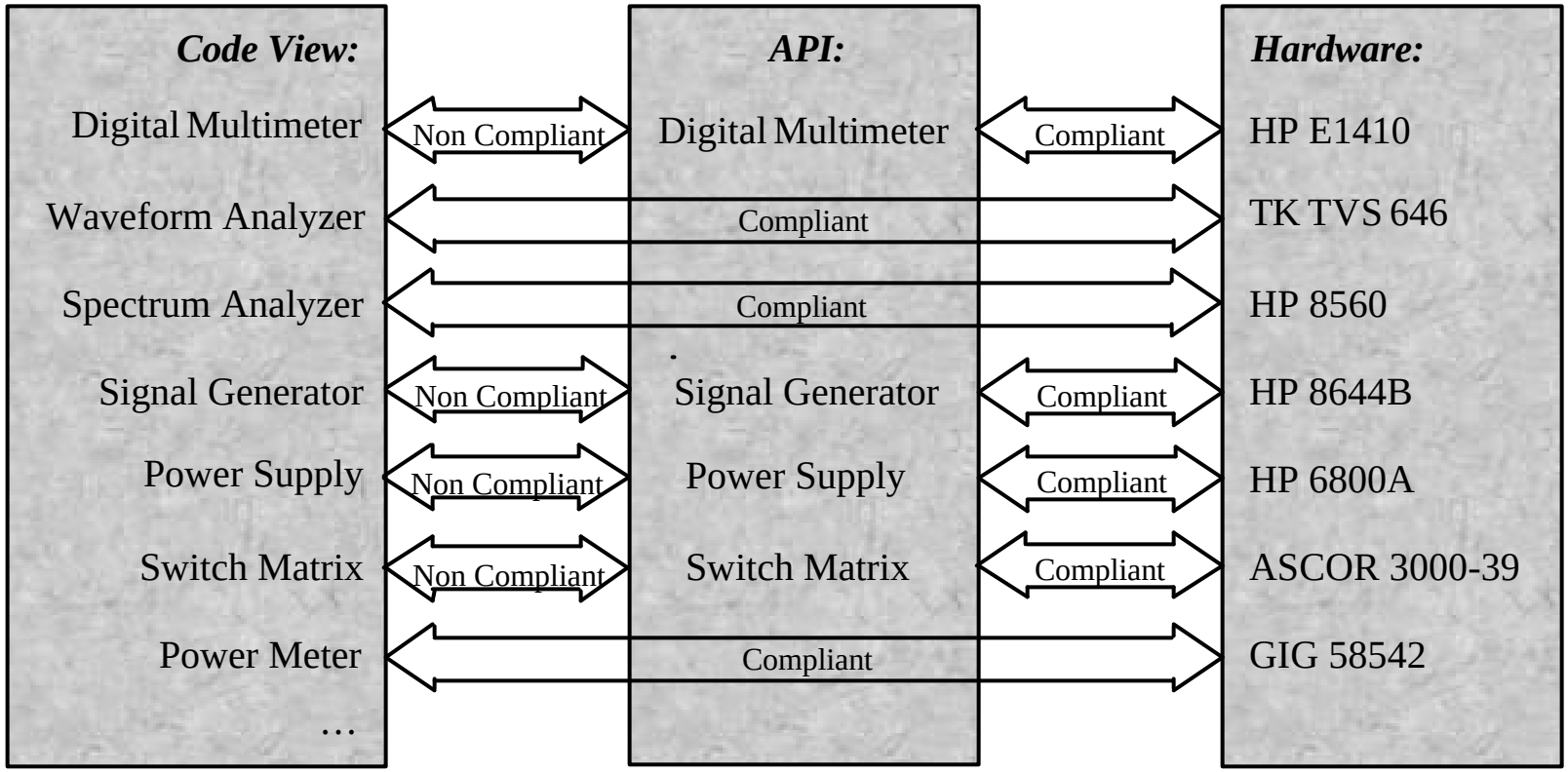

Test Library

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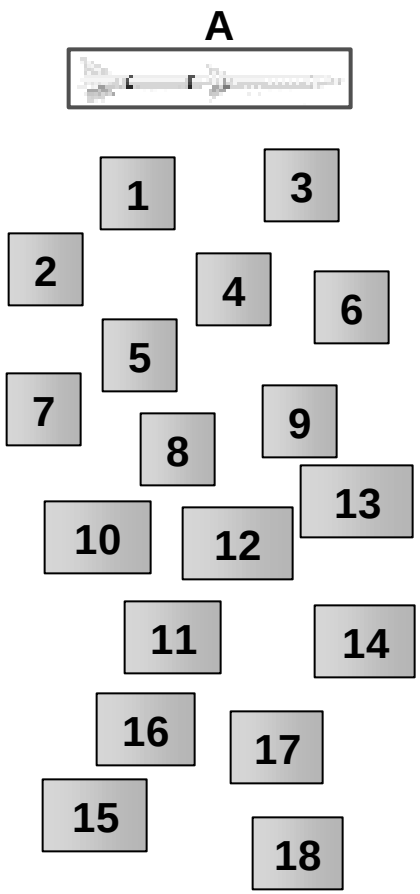

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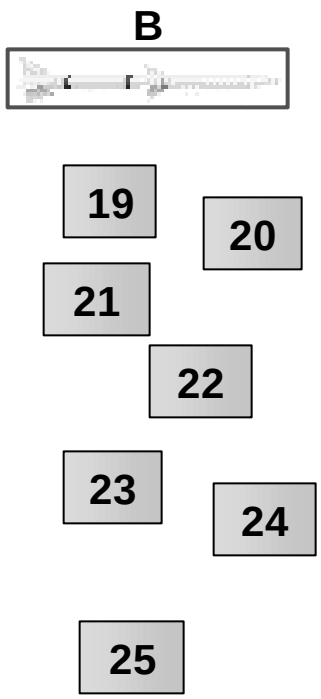

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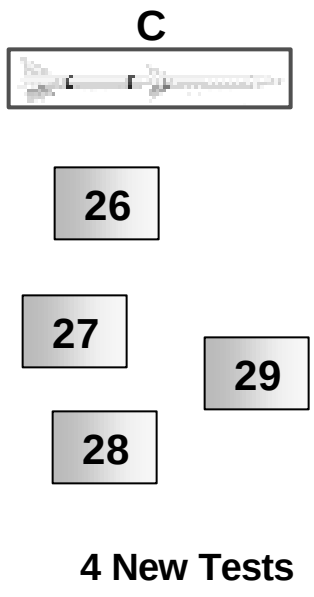

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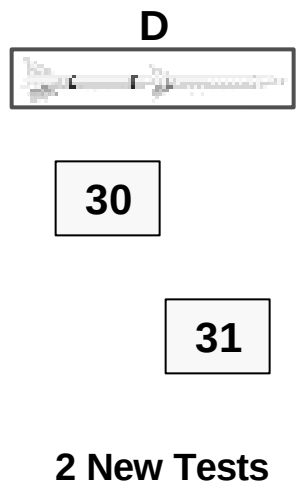

2 New Tests

- Libraries of drivers
- Libraries of algorithms
- *Libraries of complete tests*

Summary

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- **A Common ATS Software Architecture Promotes**
  - **Reuse**
  - **Standardization**
- **Cooperation Development:**
  - **Reduces Cost**
  - **Shortens New and Upgrade ATS Development Schedules**
  - **Provides a Forum for Technology Sharing**
- **A Common ATS Software Architecture**
  - **Accelerates Time-to-market**
  - **Facilitates Standardization at the System Level**
  - **Enhances Interoperability Between Sites and Customers**